

2023 Apple School Tentative Agenda

February 1, 2023

Blue Ridge Community College

<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
7:30-8:10	Registration	
8:10-8:20	Welcome	
	Henderson County Extension Director	Dr. W. Terry Kelley
	Henderson County Manager	John Mitchell
8:20-8:45	2023 Spot and Rot Update: Myths vs Research Realities	
	Dr. Sara Villani, NCSU Dept. of Ent. & Plant Path., Mills River, NC	
8:45-9:00	Conservation Programs Available Through NRCS	
	John Ottinger, NRCS, Waynesville, NC	
9:00-9:25	Orchard Weed Management	
	Mr. Wayne Mitchem, Dept. of Horticultural Science, Mills River, NC	
9:25-10:10	Weather Talk	
	Chris Justus, Chief Meteorologist WYFF-TV, Greenville, SC	
10:10-10:35	Break	
10:35-11:00	Control of Voles and other Vertebrates	
	Dr. Mike Parker, NCSU, Dept. of Horticultural Science, Raleigh, NC	
11:00-11:25	Update on the Extension Variety Block	
	Marvin Owings, Henderson Co. Ext. Dir. (Retired), Hendersonville, NC	
11:25-11:50	BRAG Business Meeting and Award Ceremony	
11:50-1:00	Lunch	
*1:00-1:10	Greetings and Report from Cooperative Extension	
	Dr. Dale Monks, Assoc. Director, Cooperative Extension, NC State University, Raleigh, NC	
1:10-1:55	Topworking Existing Apple Trees	
	Raul & Mary Godinez, Countryside Nurseries, Crimora, VA	
1:55-2:20	Split Happens: An Overview of Apple Fruit Cracking and Splitting	
	Dr. Tom Kon, NCSU, Dept. of Horticultural Science, Mills River, NC	
*2:20-2:45	Housing & Labor Roundtable	
	Mr. Richard Staton, Richmind Farms, Flat Rock, NC;	
2:45-3:05	Break	
3:05-3:30	Food Safety Update for 2022	
	Ms. Elena Rogers, Area Specialized Agent-Food Safety, NCSU Dept. of Horticultural Science, Lenoir, NC	
3:30-3:45	Update on Apple Insurance Program	
	Mr. Kenny Barnwell, KB Orchards, Edneyville, NC	
3:45-4:00	Increasing Access to Healthcare for Farmworkers	
	Mr. Kenett Melgar, Blue Ridge Health, Hendersonville, NC	
4:00-4:10	Farmworker Health & Safety Update	
	Mr. Chris Just, Henderson County Cooperative Extension, Hendersonville, NC	
*4:10-4:35	What we Learned in 2022 to Better Manage Insects in 2023	
	Dr. Jim Walgenbach, NCSU Dept. of Entomology, Mtn. Hort. Crops Res. & Ext. Center, Mills River, NC	
4:35-4:50	Review 2023 Integrated Orchard Management Guide-Sign Up for Pesticide Credits	
	Dr. W. Terry Kelley & Panel	
4:50	Wrap Up and Adjourn	